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DCN WORK SHEET

1. Subject:

Reports on Procurement of Strategic Metals by Poland and Polish Shipping Methods.

2. Reference:

25X1A 10 November 1954.

3. Summary:

The reference document reports the use of the Polish Commercial Attache office in Brussels as a clearing house for Polish Procurement Efforts in Western Europe.

It indicates that the Poles are attempting to procure cobalt which is being supplied by Germany and France. Nickel is being supplied through England. Poland has contracted to purchase 400 tons of aluminum monthly, which is being supplied through Germany, Switzerland, Belgium and England. 5000 tons of copper have been ordered since April. This is being supplied by Germany, England and Belgium.

The Poles attempt to move strategic materials on their own vessels. Double shipping bills are made up on the strategic goods. In addition to this method, there have also been indications that the Poles arrange for the mislabeling of strategic chemicals which can then be forwarded with no difficulty.

See State D-913, Hong Kong, 1 December 1954, which is a report of an interview between the Finnish Consul at Hong Kong and the master of the BORE VIII who stated that he had orders to submit a false manifest at any port on the outward voyage to China. The vessel loaded cargo at Gdynia for China.

4. E/ST Suggestions:

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Not specific enough -
a. If thought appropriate by the DCN members concerned this information might profitably be turned over to [redacted] to obtain more complete data.

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b. [redacted] vessels carrying cargo from Baltic ports. *"Hopeless" - Costa*

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5. DCN Action:

None 6 January 1955
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